



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CIVIC CENTER SENIOR CENTER
7375 E. SECOND STREET, ROOM 5
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85251
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006**

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Donn Loper, Chairperson
John Faramelli
Robert Frost
Ron King

ABSENT: Shelley Anderson, Vice-Chair
Ronald Petersen

STAFF: Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager
Don Davis, Parks and Grounds
Steve Lehmann, Senior Recreation Coordinator
William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director
Doug Nesselroad, Parks & Recreation Manager
Tiffani Nichols, Stadium Coordinator
Paul Tran, Parks and Grounds Systems Integrator
Rose Williams, Parks & Grounds Management Manager
Robin Rodgers, Asset Management Specialist

GUESTS: Angie Castiana, SRP
Kevin T. Howell, Verizon

PUBLIC COMMENT: Perry Becker
Larry Paprocki
Pat Barrett
Edward Fein

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Loper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

2. MOMENT OF SILENCE

At the request of Chairperson Loper, a moment of silence was observed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 5, 2006

COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 2006 MEETING. CHAIRPERSON LOPER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

4. PROPOSED VERIZON WIRELESS SITE (PHO ONYX) LOCATED ON SRP TOWER AT STONEGATE PARK

(Commission Action: Pass on a recommendation to City Council to approve or disapprove this request)

Kevin T. Howell and Steve Lehmann will present information on the proposed wireless site. Verizon Wireless proposes to co-locate antennas on an existing SRP transmission line tower located in a transmission corridor located at 124th Street and the Pima Indian Reservation Boundary within Stonegate Park.

Chairperson Loper stated that he had received several comment cards and would accept additional cards until the completion of the presentation. He also stated that the presentation would occur first, followed by reading of the comment cards, and questions and answers from members of the Commission.

Mr. William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, stated that an open house was held last Wednesday in the neighborhood of the proposed Verizon Wireless site. At that meeting, erroneous information was given as to the next meeting place; therefore, a sign had been posted to direct people to the correct location.

Mr. Murphy introduced Mr. Kevin Howell, a real estate consultant for Verizon Wireless.

Mr. Howell stated that Verizon Wireless has been trying for approximately a year to get better coverage from south of Shea Boulevard to the Salt River Pima Indian Reservation, which has been an area with no coverage from any wireless carriers. He stated that about ten years ago, the City of Scottsdale entered into the first ever right-of-way route in the country. Part of that agreement was to cover all of Shea Boulevard and Verizon Wireless placed several sites between 104th and 136th Streets. There are presently more subscribers in addition to more advanced technology, and more sites are currently needed in the 104th Street and Mountain View area. Mr. Howell further stated that the towers Verizon is preparing to utilize are within 100 yards of the border of the Indian Reservation.

Mr. Howell referred to slides that depicted the proposed site and an overview of the whole area. He also referred to a slide that depicted the SRP-owned tower where the proposed antennas will be located. An equipment building is also proposed that will be located 30 feet north of the tower in Stonegate Park. He indicated that Salt River Project (SRP) representatives were present to answer questions.

Chairperson Loper interrupted the presentation to note that there was a discrepancy between the location map that the Commission was given and the location depicted in the presentation. Mr. Howell stated that maps given to the Commissioners had been prepared by the City of Scottsdale and showed antennas on the wrong tower.

Mr. Howell indicated that Verizon would work to ensure that the proposed equipment building would be shielded by existing natural desert trees as much as possible and additional trees and landscaping would be placed wherever needed to keep the area esthetically pleasing for the neighborhood and park. This would be accomplished by working within the easements of SRP and Arizona Public Service, if necessary. In addition, Verizon will endeavor to conceal the cable needed for the project. Mr. Howell also indicated that the proposal was in keeping with the wireless ordinance adopted by the Scottsdale City Council, which states that no new vertical structures are to be erected.

Mr. Howell stated that this was the first of three public meetings on this proposal and that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation would go before the City Council. In addition, a neighborhood meeting has been conducted and Verizon is willing to listen to suggestions so that a cooperative agreement can be established.

Chairperson Loper stated that comments from the community would be heard first and that he was closing the acceptance of the comment cards.

Public comment was given by Mr. Perry Becker, Mr. Pat Barrett, and Mr. Edward Fein who voiced their concerns over the proposal including intrusiveness of the equipment building and the noise from its air conditioners; truck traffic loading diesel into backup generators and diesel fumes; negative impact on property values; visibility of 12 large cables running from the equipment building to the antenna; and an inadequate time frame to communicate with neighbors or Verizon regarding this proposal.

Mr. Becker offered some possible compromises, such as repositioning the equipment building adjacent to an already improved parking lot at the north end of the equestrian park. He also stated that with some enhancements/modifications, the building could be multipurpose. He distributed maps of six alternate locations for the equipment building and possible modifications.

Mr. Larry Paprocki, Executive Director of Stonegate Community Association, explained that correspondence concerning the proposal had been sent to all Association homeowners. He stated that a notebook has been compiled of that correspondence along with homeowners' comments and presented this to Chairperson Loper.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Murphy stated that the tower does not in any way impair the operational aspect of the park and that no other sites for the equipment building within the park had been considered. He clarified that the proposal that had been submitted was what was being addressed, not alternate sites. Mr. Murphy further stated that the park is 23 acres in size and the portion of the park which is in use is about one-third of that.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Howell provided several reasons why the equipment building is so large, including housing generators and allowing enough air flow around the equipment. Mr. Howell indicated that downsizing the building was not out of the question. He also explained that the air conditioning units are no larger than what would be on a typical home and that there are workable solutions for noise reduction. Mr. Howell stated that Verizon is totally responsible for the maintenance of the equipment building.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Mr. Howell stated that the proposed equipment building is 11 feet tall and that the wall around it is eight feet tall. An average person would not be able to see the building because of the angle. Additional landscaping is planned around an already existing neighborhood wall.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Ms. Rodgers confirmed that an annual rental amount of \$1,795 would be paid to the City of Scottsdale, with a five percent annual escalation on each anniversary date. Commissioner King stated that as the proposal goes through the approval process, concerns that neighbors have can be incorporated into any agreements and contracts with the appropriate City entity.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner King, Mr. Murphy confirmed that Verizon Wireless was the only vendor requesting access to the park at this time.

In a response to an inquiry from Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Howell stated that he believed the time frame for the process would be over the next month. Commissioner Faramelli indicated that it was his understanding that the process involved Parks and Recreation Commission, City Council, and the Development Review Board, respectively. .

In a response to a request from Chairperson Loper, Mr. Howell reviewed the Anticipated Coverage Area Diagram slide that depicted existing and potential cell sites.

In response to inquiries from Chairperson Loper, Mr. Howell verified that Verizon Wireless had looked at alternative sites, but none could provide sufficient capacity that is being used and requested by consumers; this proposed site is what is considered a full cell site; and construction would take approximately a month. Additionally, Mr. Murphy confirmed that there would be no financial burden to the Parks and Recreation Department.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Loper, Mr. Paprocki confirmed that among those Stonegate homeowners who responded to correspondence sent by the Association communications coordinator, the results were approximately ten to one in favor of the proposed cell site.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Loper, Ms. Rodgers confirmed that under the licensing agreement, a carrier has to allow another service provider to co-locate in their area as long as there is no interference to the services that the original carrier is providing. Chairperson Loper asked Ms. Rodgers if by allowing Verizon to place an antenna on this site, the door would be open to other competitors to do the same. Ms. Rodgers replied that was a possibility, but she did not know if anyone else was interested in the area at this time.

Ms. Rodgers asked that she be allowed to correct an earlier conversation regarding the process of approval. Chairperson Loper gave her the floor.

Ms. Rodgers stated that by the time the license agreement is presented to the City Council, a final site plan has already been approved through City processes. Therefore, the City Council is not only approving a document that controls how the service provider will use the property, but also approving a site plan that has received prior approval from other levels of City entities. Input is needed from the Development Review Board before the site plan can be approved and attached to the licensing agreement.

COMMISSIONER FROST MOVED THAT THIS ITEM BE POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS TO ALLOW VERIZON WIRELESS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND RESIDENTS MORE TIME TO REVIEW THE OPTIONS AND RETURN WITH A MITIGATED PLAN. COMMISSIONER FARAMELLI SECONDED THE MOTION.

Commissioner Faramelli stated that he wanted to ensure that the staff is involved in the discussion.

Commissioner King expressed concern that two weeks might not be enough time.

In response to inquiries by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Murphy confirmed that options could be reviewed for modifications of the proposal. Mr. Howell stated that two weeks was enough time to get all the parties together to reach consensus and he would prefer not to extend the time frame until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Murphy stated that a special meeting could be scheduled in two weeks.

Mr. Howell stated that he would be happy to follow this process, but he wanted to add that moving the equipment, building, and antennas to another site would just bring forth a new set of neighbors with similar concerns.

THE MOTION PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

5. SCOTTSDALE STADIUM UPDATE (Information item)

Tiffani Nichols, Stadium Coordinator, will present a brief review of the stadium renovations, 2006 Spring Training and World Baseball Games, Spring/Summer use of the stadium, and an update on recent maintenance projects and upgrades.

Ms. Nichols gave a slide presentation on the Scottsdale Stadium renovation. She showed pictures of the stadium demolition, which started in July 2005 and took about two months; several items were salvaged to maintain the esthetics of the building. Renovation began in September and temporary occupancy began in February 2006.

The home team clubhouse was reconfigured, increasing the size from 7,000 to 14,000 square feet. The Giants Team Store added over 2,600 square feet of retail space. A full-sized playing field was added; the batting facility was expanded and a restroom was added in that area; a new centerfield entrance was added, which allowed patrons to avail themselves of the amenities without having to go back to the concourse.

The Giants purchased a new outfield scoreboard and two auxiliary scoreboards. The sound system was upgraded; over 1,300 stadium seats were replaced; the whole facility was repainted; the press box and offices were renovated; and the ball field lighting was modified, reducing the number of fixtures.

Ms. Nichols highlighted spring training—there were 18 home games and three world baseball classic games; the total attendance this year was over 176,390. Ms. Nicholas also presented slides that depicted other activities associated with the stadium, such as minor league player rehab, Giants Rookie League, Scottsdale Teen Police Academy, and a barbeque meal fundraiser. Ms. Nichols showed slides of staff working and thanked them for their hard work.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Nichols indicated that the facility is booked about 200 days of the year. She also indicated that it is a heavily used facility and that they were trying to find creative ways to utilize it.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Ms. Nichols replied that no complaints had been received during spring training from residents of Peaceful Valley or the hospital.

Commissioner Frost complimented Ms. Nichols and her staff on the fact that the stadium was being utilized as a multi-use facility, which was the way it was originally designed.

6. PARKS AND GROUNDS WORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (Information item)

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Tran will provide information on how the parks ground crews manage their time based on specific parks service level expectations.

Mr. Murphy indicated that Commissioner Cerimeli had requested how his division creates service models. He stated that July 2006 will mark the first full year of data collecting and at that time comparisons will be made. Service models are needed to establish the level of maintenance at each park and determine staffing. Mr. Murphy stated that some of his staff had attended the Pacific/Southwest Management School in California and he has also utilized some comparisons from the National Parks and Recreation Standards that are established throughout the U.S. Staff have also taken some averages from the Parks Department for performing different tasks. Those averages were used to come up with an average that was comparable to national and statewide averages.

Mr. Murphy explained that activities were defined by what is done each day and how many amenities are in a park utilizing a work order system, including an inventory list and staff work hours and pay rates. Service levels (I, II, III) have been established for the various parks, which are determined by the nature and frequency of the work, the size of the park, and any special functions that have occurred.

Mr. Murphy referred to a Benefits slide that depicted how direct labor cost is determined. Another slide depicted budgeted hours for a certain task versus actual hours. In response to an inquiry by Chairperson Loper, Mr. Murphy explained that managers determine peaks and deficiencies and alter tasks as necessary after reviewing a monthly report.

Mr. Murphy reviewed several slides depicting the maintenance of several specific parks and explained what tasks needed to be performed and how the service level is determined.

Mr. Murphy referred to a Summary slide that depicted expectations from the work order system including staff project needs, establishing service levels, park inventory, future planning, and need for new parks. Mr. Murphy clarified that the youth sports fields that are being maintained for the school district do not fall under any service model since they are being maintained five or six times per year, but those hours are being tracked in the work order system.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Faramelli, Mr. Murphy stated that a Decision Package to increase the level of service at the school fields had been submitted to the City Manager. The Package went to the Budget Subcommittee who recommended it be submitted to the City Council with the caveat that if the override election did not pass, then the Decision Package would not come about. The Decision Package will be considered at the first Budget Hearing to be held on May 9, 2006 and all participants have been notified. The election is May 16, 2006.

Commissioner King commented that the work order system is a wonderful tool.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K))
(Information item)

Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager, and William Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Grounds Management Divisions.

Mr. Murphy stated that last Friday, Scottsdale was recognized at the Capitol for the Tree City USA Program award—24th year of winning this award and the 14th year of winning the Growth Award. He recognized Rose Williams Parks and Grounds Manager who was responsible for completing the application and collecting all needed data. Mr. Murphy stated that the Growth Award was very prestigious and a major part of it dealt with revitalization work and renovation of Scottsdale Stadium in salvaging trees.

Sandy Hlebaen and staff redid the landscaping to the Paiute Park entrance and there are plans to repave the parking lot. Top dressing with sand has been completed at the CAP Basin Sports Complex and mowing will start next week.

In response to an inquiry by Commissioner Frost, Mr. Murphy stated that the CAP Basin Sports Complex should be open in late August.

Ms. Leslie Clark, Parks and Recreation Manager, gave an overview of events that had occurred since the last PRC meeting—April Pool's Day in conjunction with the Scottsdale Fire Department; an event last Saturday in Eldorado and Vista del Camino parks in collaboration with Scottsdale Healthcare to promote fitness and healthy lifestyles; Seventh Annual Skate competition on April 29; Project PAWS on the same day promoting pet care and safety and offering support services. Ms. Clark reminded the meeting that Cinco de Mayo celebration is this Friday and noted that 30 new park entry signs are ready to be installed.

In response to an inquiry from Chairperson Loper, Ms. Clark stated that the opening date for the park and aquatic center at McDowell Mountain Ranch has been slipping. She predicted that the facilities will open mid-July to mid-August.

Chairperson Loper thanked Ms. Clark for her presentation. He also announced that he had received a resignation from Commissioner Cerimeli and that a replacement for him needed to be found soon.

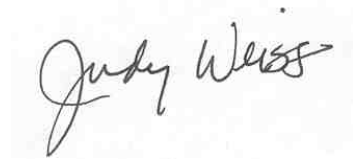
8. OPEN CALL TO THE PUBLIC (A.R.S. § 38-431.02)

No members of the public wished to address the Commission.

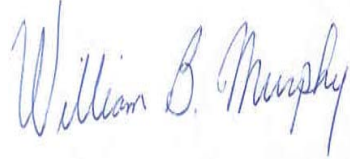
9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and no need for an executive session, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/VTronics, Inc.

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Judy Weiss, Director
Parks and Recreation

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "William B. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William B. Murphy, Director
Parks and Grounds Management